



U.S. Senator for Kentucky

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SENATE MAJORITY WHIP MITCH McCONNELL
ANNOUNCES WHIP STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Majority Whip Mitch McConnell today announced his Whip office staff for the 108th Congress. “I am thrilled to have assembled a truly first-rate team,” said McConnell. “My team will work hard every day to pass a positive agenda that helps all Americans. And we intend to get started right away.”

The new Whip staff consists of the following:

- **Kyle Simmons: Chief of Staff.** Kyle currently serves as the Senator’s Chief of Staff. He also managed the Senate campaigns of Senator Jim Bunning in 1998, and Senator McConnell in 1996.
- **Brian Lewis: Floor Counsel.** Brian served as McConnell’s Chief Counsel for the Senate Rules Committee. Brian has worked with Senator McConnell on a number of issues, including election reform. Prior to his work on the Senate Rules Committee, Brian was the Deputy Legal Counsel at the National Republican Senatorial Committee.
- **Michael Solon: Policy Director.** Michael served as the Legislative Director for Senator Phil Gramm (R-TX), and was the Republican Deputy Staff Director for the Senate Banking Committee. Mike also worked for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS), serving as an Economic Policy Advisor. He also was Director of the U.S. Senate Steering Committee from 1997 to 2000.
- **John Abegg: Legal Counsel.** John served as Senator McConnell’s legal counsel in his personal office, where he staffed the Senator on the Judiciary Committee. Prior to coming to McConnell’s office, John clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. He also served as an Executive Assistant at the Federal Election Commission.
- **Laura Pemberton: Whip Liaison.** Laura comes to the Senate from her position as Manager of Senate Legislative Affairs at the National Federation of Independent Business. Prior to that position, she spent eight years in the Senate working for Senators Lott, Coverdell, the Republican Cloakroom and finally as the Floor Assistant for Senate Republicans.

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- **Amy Swonger: Floor Assistant.** Amy will assist the Floor Counsel in managing operations on the Senate floor. Before moving to the Whip's office, Amy worked for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott during the 107th Congress. She served as Senator Lott's Legislative Assistant for the Senate Finance Committee.
- **Nan Wood Mosher: Director of Administration.** Nan has worked for Senator McConnell since 1987. She is currently Senator McConnell's Office Manager.
- **BJ Stieglitz: Personal Assistant.** BJ will serve as Senator McConnell's Personal Assistant. Prior to this, BJ was a Staff Assistant to Senator McConnell.
- **Theresa Williams: Staff Assistant.** Theresa comes to the Senate from the office of Congressman Patrick Toomey (R-PA). Theresa is a 2001 graduate of Duke University and worked for Morgan Stanley in New York City.
- **Kelly Kotch: Staff Assistant.** Kelly also will serve as a Staff Assistant. She is a 2001 graduate of the University of Central Florida and comes from the White House, where she worked as a Senior Trip Coordinator in the office of Vice President Cheney.